# Bridging Traditional Environmental Health and Health Promotion

### Satellite Conference Wednesday, May 5, 2004, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Eastern Time

1:00-2:30 p.m. (Central Time) • 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)

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espite many advances in cleaning up the environment such as the clean air and water acts and the removal of lead from gasoline, chemicals in the environment continue to cause harm to human health. Environmental health refers to freedom from illness or injury related to exposure to toxic agents and other environmental conditions that are potentially detrimental to human health. It comprises those aspects of human health, including quality of life, that are determined by interactions with physical, chemical, biological, and social factors in the environment. It also refers to the theory and practice of assessing, correcting, controlling, and preventing those factors in the environment that may adversely affect the health of present and future generations. Health promotion addresses environmental health problems through multiple and integrated interventions, including education, advocacy, organizational and social change, policy development, and economic supports. This panel will present complementary topics that highlight the juncture between environmental health and health promotion and to underscore the need for health promotion involvement in environmental health practice.

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#### **Conference Objectives:**

- 1. Describe four pathways by which people can be exposed to hazardous substances.
- 2. Describe at least three significant environmental health problems in the United States.
- Describe at least three challenges in conducting health promotion in communities impacted by hazardous substances.
- 4. Describe at least three concepts that are culturally appropriate for addressing diverse communities affected by hazardous substances.
- 5. Define the difference between individual and community level indicators.
- List at least three contributions that health promotion can make to solving environmental health problems.

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Thursday, May 6, 2004 • 2:00-3:30 p.m., Eastern Time Transforming Vision to Reality: The Potential Power of Partnerships

**EDUARDO SANCHEZ, MD, MPH** 

Commissioner of Health Texas Department of Health

Friday, May 7, 2004 • 2:00-3:30 p.m., Eastern Time

Principles for Effective Communication of Health

Risks in High Concern, High Stress Situations

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